



Chamber Day at the Legislature Senate Lawn

Thursday, February 11, 2010

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

- **Good afternoon!**
- **I'm delighted to be here to welcome all of you – representing Chambers of Commerce from across Arizona.**
- **THANK you for joining me in our commitment to bringing Arizona back to its healthier days.**

- **Thanks to Members and Leadership in the House and Senate who have demonstrated their faith in the judgment of Arizona voters.**
- **At long last, the PEOPLE will decide if a temporary revenue increase can mitigate additional reductions in funding for public safety, education, and health services.**
- **I'm committed to getting Arizona back on track, to aggressively advance its competitive position in the global economy.**

- **So, let me take this opportunity to also thank those businesses and individuals who support our march toward financial stability – those who recognize what it means for our future.**
- **Our agendas – the Chambers' agenda and my agenda for moving the state forward -- share a common purpose.**
- **We BOTH want to create a competitive and sustainable economic development environment.**
- **We're also re-thinking areas of our tax structure that unduly burden our job creators.**

- **Last spring, I called for further, targeted reductions in our corporate income tax -- once our budget situation stabilizes. I believe we MUST enhance our competitiveness with other states.**
- **We BOTH want to encourage regulatory accountability.**
- **My first act as Governor was to freeze all regulations so that no further regulatory expansion could occur.**
- **We BOTH want to maintain a flexible, readily available and competitive workforce.**

- **I've announced the allocation of ten million dollars in discretionary stimulus money to job training -- funds allocated to those select companies who are making significant investments in Arizona and who are creating new, high wage jobs with benefits.**
- **We BOTH want to ensure ample and affordable energy supplies.**
- **We're making great strides in the area of Solar and renewable energy -- and Arizona WILL become the Solar Capitol of the World.**

- **Tower Automotive is establishing a solar manufacturing operation here in the Valley. Suntech is coming to Goodyear – with plans to be up and operating by September.**
- **I've met with the CEOs of at least three other solar companies – and we hope to be able to announce they too will join us, creating jobs.**
- **And, from here today, I will be traveling to ASU to participate in the Renewable Energy Summit that I established by Executive Order, where federal, state and local agencies will convene to focus specifically on developing renewable energy industries.**

- **I believe the recipe for success is quite simple:**
 - **Create an environment that's friendlier to business**
 - **Develop FOCUSED statewide business attraction and retention strategy**
 - **And then --- Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!**
- **Since I took office, we have secured TWENTY companies to expand in and create jobs in Arizona.**
- **These are companies investing one-point-one billion dollars in capital investment.**

- **Creating 18-hundred jobs.**
- **Together we're helping Arizona businesses grow. So ...**
 - **Let's focus on our global opportunities.**
 - **Let's compete more aggressively.**
 - **Let's not forget those companies already here, fighting every day to create new opportunities.**
 - **Let's WIN more jobs for Arizona.**
- **You ARE doing all of that -- and I thank you for it.**

- **God bless you and your families, God bless our Chambers of Commerce and God bless Arizona.**